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In re Application for:

Thomas A. Silvestrini

Serial No.: 08/596,221

Filing Date: July 15, 1996

For: Segmented Pliable Intrastromal Corneal  
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Examiner: Willse, David H.

Group Art Unit: 3738

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Sir:

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- ☐ Within three months after the filing date of the application or within three months after the date of entry of the national stage of a PCT application as set forth in 37 C.F.R. § 1.491.
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- ☐ Applicants bring to the Office's attention the following related, co-pending application(s):

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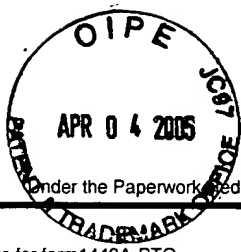
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